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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following disclosures:

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Each of the above-listed references is listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 (**Exhibit A**).

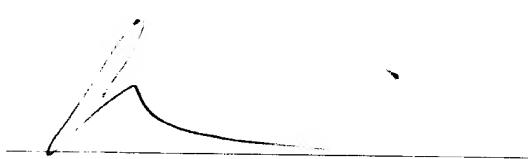
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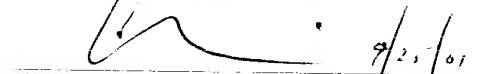
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